

Advertisements

Two of Monroe County's citizens gave up their lives in the month of February, 1913 on account of strong drink. Yet they say the evil effects of the saloon are not felt here.

"Where does the revenue come from which the dram shop keeper pays into the treasury of the city? He gets it across the bar. Do you not think this money would help more if passed across the counters of the clothing stores, the dry good store, the shoe store? It would help the town more and help the families of the purchasers more."

Taxes

The question of tax is placed mighty close in the liquor question by some men. Here is the way it worked out in Nesho.

When the town voted dry four years ago there were three saloons that paid \$1000 each city revenue. Good citizens said "We will outlaw the business even if it increases the tax rate, but on the contrary, it reduced it 25 cents on the hundred. If you doubt this, write the city collector."

Webb City Collector just made his annual report, and reports \$4000, in the treasury. This is the second time in years that the city has shown a balance. The other time was a year ago under the local option law. Webb City's rate for city purposes has been reduced now to 1 per cent, the lowest rate of any city of its size in the country. Lamar, under local option has paid off \$40,000 of bonded indebtedness and reduced her tax since the saloons went out five years ago.

We challenge the opposition to cite any city in Missouri that has had to increase its tax rate due to the closing of dram shops.

Once More Taxes.

The dram shop keeper would a little rather you would put a big tax on him than a little one for it makes him votes and he does not pay a single dollar of it anyway. The saloon does not make money or sell one dollar to the town, total of the cities wealth. His only business is to furnish booze, it is the communities business to furnish the cash.

Look at this in the 276,000 saloons of the United States, only one dollar in seven collected by them is revenue of any sort. So that when the saloon keeper collects \$1 off you to pay the tax he must collect six other dollars with which to run the business and that seven dollars has a way of distributing itself until it reaches the last man, woman and children through higher prices at the stores on account of bad debts traced to the saloon and criminal costs and delinquency caused by it, don't forget that "Jones, he pays the freight."

Marshall, Missouri.

Four years ago Marshall was "Wet." Seven saloons added to an annual revenue of \$1,200 each to the treasury. When the local option election wiped the saloons out of existence in 1908 Marshall's books showed a deficit of \$10,500. That deficit has been wiped out. Seven thousand dollars has been spent for improvements. Oil tanks and sprinklers have been established, streets have been widened and bridges built. Marshall has paid \$15,000 on its bonded indebtedness and has \$5,000 in the treasury.—K. C. Star, May 18, 1912.

Saline County "Ruined."

Miami, Mo., May 10, 1912.—The Local Option Club of Saline County has published advertisements in the one daily and twelve weekly newspapers in the County, comparing the past four years, during which Saline County has been

"dry" with the four years preceding when it was "wet." The advertisements state that bank deposits increased \$251,848 that the number of depositors increased; that criminal costs decreased \$3,596.76; that assessed valuation of merchants' stocks increased \$73,190; that assessed of real and personal property increased \$2,899,650 in the 'dry' period, compared with \$1,199,940 in the "wet" period and there was no increase of taxation.—K. C. Star.

Monroe County has been License territory for over forty years and the liquor law has never been enforced. The saloon and the whiskey drug stores are still putting out their products. They are to be seen on our streets every day. All you need to do is to look and be convinced. Mr. Voter is it not time to at least try something else? We have tried the License Law for over forty years and have failed, let's try Local Option. Sixty-four counties of Missouri have tried it and found it better than the License Law.

Monroe County Local Option Campaign Committee.

Mrs. John Wallen, and a sister to the late Boney Lawrence of Indian Creek, was the guest of the family of W. H. McFarland, at Paris last week. She makes her home with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Hayden, near Florida. It was her first visit to the town since it had only a few business houses. She recalls crossing the river on a ferry where the wagon bridge now stands, the horses being made to swim behind the boat. The court house was a small insignificant building. She was amazed at the splendid fireproof building now nearing completion on the square, and could hardly realize such a modern little city could have been found where only a straggling pioneer village existed when she last visited the county seat.—Appeal.

Watts-Bixler.

Miss Angelea Watts of Ralls County and Mr. Albert Bixler of Marion County, were quietly married on Sunday, March 2nd, at the Catholic parsonage, Rev. W. G. Alcorn officiating. These are very estimable young people and carry with them the best wishes of a host of friends.

Pat Mudd has moved to the Lundberg farm recently purchased by H. B. Mudd.

Mrs. J. H. Brooks returned to Ely Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Wadsworth, of Ely was here shopping Monday.

Mrs. S. H. Baynum is visiting her daughters in Shelbyna, this week.

Mrs. George Marks of Louisiana, is the guest of her friend, Mrs. P. F. White.

George White of Brunswick, spent Sunday here.

J. C. Sox of St. Louis, was a business visitor here Monday.

Charles Montgomery has moved to a farm near Center.

Mrs. John Bixler spent Sunday in Palmyra.

W. D. Barnes was in Shelbyna Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Hubbard returned Saturday from a visit in Hunnewell.

The Phonograph.

Mr. Edison, it is said, was experimenting with the telephone when he suddenly felt a prickling of his finger. A needle was lying in such a position that at every vibration caused by sound on his voice his finger was picked. His mind was alert. By special adjustments he arranged the needle so that the vibration would be recorded on paper. From this accident was born the phonograph, by which the sound of the human voice and of the instrument of any orchestra may be reproduced.—Milwaukee Free Press.

PIANOS

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There is a time in every one's life when he or she contemplates buying a Piano. When once bought the transaction need not be repeated. In other words, if you get the right kind, a Good Piano, it will last a lifetime. We sell the Best makes of Pianos and are in a position to sell the best at prices many times charged by others for second, third or fourth class instruments. When ready for a Piano call and talk it over with us. We will give you the benefit of many years experience buying and selling pianos, which may result in a saving to you, as well as getting a satisfactory instrument.

Wedding Presents

Weddings are in order every day in the year. We have anticipated the wants of those who expect to bring or send remembrances by laying in a well selected stock of the choicest and most beautiful patterns of High Grade wares which embrace Exclusive designs and the latest creations. We are right up to the minute on these goods. Do not fail to see us when wanting Wedding Presents or jewelry of any kind.

Things to Remember

That we repair jewelry, watches, clocks, etc. Every piece of work sent out must be satisfactory.

We have the only ladies rest room in this city. Our lady friends are always welcome and cordially invited to use it.

Make our store your headquarters when in the city.

We make a specialty of Graphophones and Records
Let us supply you with either or both

No matter what you may want in the JEWELRY Line, we have it or will get it for you. We are at your service. Call for what you want.

R. F. BEBB, The Jeweler.

F. E. Johnson and family of north east of town moved back to their old home at Galvo, Ill., last Monday.

That little girl of yours—she'll soon be having her hair "done up," and too, she will be outgrowing her childish ways—and you haven't had her picture taken since she was in long dresses. You don't exactly want to keep her as she is—but you do want to keep the memory.

MISS BELLE JOHNSON.

Mrs. Mary Hendricks who is spending the winter with her daughter, Miss Hattie at Ritzville, Wash., is quite ill.

E. W. Worland of Shelbyna was present at the Knights of Columbus meeting Sunday.

Money to loan in any amount Office over Wood's Drug Store.

A. S. JAYNE.

The P. E. O's. will meet with Mrs. Robert Meriwether Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

Council No. 1165 Knights of Columbus exemplified the first degree Sunday afternoon in a highly satisfactory manner.

Avoid the rush by buying your wall paper now.

Southern & Spalding Pharmacy.

New London has been considerably stirred up during the past two weeks over mad dogs and a large number of dogs have been killed. A dog's head was sent to Columbia for examination. The State Bacteriologist, M. C. Stone, reported that the dog's head showed a clear case of rabies. Steps were then taken to rid the town of dogs showing symptoms of rabies. Some 14 or 15 have been listed to be killed and about 8 of this number have been dispatched.—Ralls Co. Record.

Miss Belle Johnson left Tuesday for a visit with her sister in Aurora, Ill. She will attend the Eastman Photographic School in Chicago before she returns. Miss Johnson not only is up-to-date but she keeps up-to-date. Monroe City is fortunate indeed to have such an artist here.

John Campbell is moving to his farm south of town. Mr. Henderson, operator at the Katy depot, will move into the Campbell property.

John Winking will move to the John Dirigo place in the south part of town.

Millinery Opening Friday & Saturday

March 7 and 8

Every one is invited to come and see before buying

Everything the Latest and Best
Styles, Just what you would
buy in the city Come

Miss Sallie Rouse

First Door East of Wade & Dawson's Hardware

SAVE A DOLLAR

ON

Cleaning and Pressing

If your cleaning, pressing and repairing will amount to as much as \$4 or \$5 in the next 12 months, I have a proposition that will interest you.

LANE, The Tailor.

Mrs. M. F. Crowe, of Salisbury is critically ill of pneumonia. Word was received yesterday that she was thought to be slightly improved and they have some hopes of her recovery.

Your home will be beautiful decorated with our Wall Papers.—Southern & Spalding Pharmacy.

Cale McKoon left yesterday for an extended visit in Paris, Ill.

Miss Lena Donley spent part of the week with Mrs. W. P. Wynn in Hannibal.

Do not sell corn or oats until you have seen the Monroe Coal & Grain Co.

Joe Lyell and daughter went to Hannibal Monday and Dr. Howell removed Miss Valleria's tonsils and adenoids. She is doing nicely and expects to be out in a few days.